

now making the Experimental Station a center and a model from which to develop afforestation in this province. The Nanking people have suffered much in the late revolutions but especially in the second, when Chong Hsun, a devil incarnate, let his armies loose and destroyed what they could not loot. Though ordered to leave this city by the President, he would not budge till the city gave him \$800,000 in cash. This was the last straw. Now notwithstanding all this the city has contributed \$20,000 to push this work that I am in. It will be hard for some of the subscribers to raise the money still they are keeping the work going ahead. Under these circumstances it would be of great encouragement to them if a substantial donation of trees could be obtained in recognition of their public spirit, by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. They appreciate any recognition of their efforts and are really trying to do their best. The difficulties can only be appreciated by one who actually lives here. You were generous enough to send me through the U. S. Consul here a large quantity of yellow and white pine seed year before last and last year. The seeds have done good work, though we lost more than three-fourths of the young seedlings through drought and by our men having been driven off by bullets, still we have over 20 acres of nice young seedlings transplanted from those seed. Could a special effort be made this year to help us? They want to do big things this next year. The governor is one of the committee and most enthusiastic. You can see his picture in the bulletin."